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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Diane **Bishop**..... Email – tdbishop1415@gmail.com

I hope that everyone is enjoying the warm summer weather that we have had so far this summer. It is time once again for people to enjoy getting outside to take part in family events and community activities. This is the season that many people pack their bags and go on a vacation to visit family or maybe visit genealogical repositories.

Our Society has been very busy the last few months. A Committee has reviewed the ICGS surveys that members of our Society completed and returned to us. They highlighted some ideas that they determined we could implement right away. We have begun moving forward on some of these suggestions. The biggest piece that is required for these projects to be successful is for our members to volunteer to help in whatever way they can.

As a child growing up, I heard (almost on a daily basis) “many hands make light work”. I am sure that many of you have heard this at one point in time. I am hoping that many of the members of our Society will find time to help out on at least one of the projects we have in the plan. The more volunteers we have to help with the projects, the better the project results will be and the work involved will be more fun for everyone.

The Cookbook Project. We are encouraging everyone to submit favorite family recipes for our Society cookbook. This is something that takes only a few minutes and everyone can help make this project successful. If you have a favorite memory that goes along with the recipe it would be nice to include that also. Including the relationship for an old family recipe would also be nice. (For example: recipe from Hazel Ackley **Bush** – Grandmother of Diane Bush **Bishop**).

The Spaghetti Dinner at A & W. We are also looking for people to help with the Spaghetti Dinner on October 26th. We will be creating a sign-up sheet to ask that you consider volunteering to be a greeter for an hour.

The Cemetery Tour project and Fundraiser. Mason has many plans for celebrating the Sesquicentennial this year. Many of the local organizations were asked to be a part of this event. We are in the planning stages for a Cemetery Walk within the Maple Grove Cemetery in Mason as a possible activity for our Society to celebrate this Sesquicentennial. As Genealogists, we know that our members are interested in doing research. We have reviewed the information we have available for the Maple Grove Cemetery and selected some possible candidates that could be focused on during the tour. We are limiting the presentation for each person to be approximately 5 minutes. In addition to researchers, we will need volunteers to be the presenters during the tour. (Continued on page 8)

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2014/2015 ICGS

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Meetings:

ICGS meets on the second Thursday of the month – except for the months of January, June and July. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.. The public is welcome.

Location: Sam Corey Senior Center 2108 Cedar St. Holt, MI 48842 (NEW LOCATION)

Membership Year begins October 1 of each year.

Dues: \$15 per year for a single member; \$20 per year for a family at a single address

The Ingham County Genealogical Society is incorporated and is registered as a non-profit organization in the State of Michigan with tax exempt status under Section 501 (c)(3) of the U. S. Internal Revenue Code.

LANSING CREDIT EXCHANGE
BULLETIN #498, NOVEMBER 107 1930
 (Typed as written)

BIRTHS

Oct. 24, 1930	Frank L. Pardee , 1320 Case St.	Girl
Oct. 25, 1930	Carl A. Drooping , 1629 Indiana St.	Girl
Oct. 26, 1930	Theodore Nelson , 1112 S. Holmes St.	Girl
Oct. 27, 1930	Allie C. Cook , 103 Howard St.	Girl
Oct. 28, 1930	Nelson Taylor , 1143 Shepard St.	Girl
Oct. 29, 1930	Arnold R. Deming , 1512 Knollwood Ave.	Boy
Oct. 29, 1930	Spencer Blackford , 1304 W. Barnes Ave.	Girl
Oct. 30, 1930	Wm. F. Framer , 928 Green St.	Girl
Oct. 31, 1930	Richard J. Kinney , 1002 Shepard St.	Girl
Oct. 31, 1930	Wm. E. Algate , 2120 S. Penn. Ave.	Boy
Oct. 31, 1930	Henry L. Henson , 410 N. Hayford St.	Boy
Nov. 02, 1930	Allen D. Sharpe , 1606 W. Hillsdale St.	Boy
Nov. 02, 1930	Chester M. Brouwer , 724 Princeton Ave.	Girl
Nov. 04, 1930	Albert F. Elkins , R. R. #50, Filley St.	Girl
Nov. 05, 1930	Fred C. Weber , 1506 Congress St.	Girl
Nov. 05, 1930	Allen B. Gibson , 1410 Illinois Ave.	Boy
Nov. 05, 1930	Leonard G. Cliff , Route #2	Girl
Nov. 06, 1930	Roy V. Parisian , Route #3	Boy
Nov. 07, 1930	Raymond Smith , 1527 Hull Ct.	Girl
Nov. 07, 1930	Thomas P. Gibbs , 608 S. Foster St.	Girl
Nov. 07, 1930	Frank A. Marks , 1827 Fletcher St.	Girl
Nov. 07, 1930	Chas. H. Killoran , 2213 Donora St.	Boy
Nov. 08, 1930	Ralph Jolliff , 228 N. Foster St.	Boy
Nov. 08, 1930	Joe Smeska , 1120 1/2 Alsdorf St.	Girl
Nov. 09, 1930	Emory V. Houk , 1109 Seymour St.	Boy
Nov. 09, 1930	Jesse L. Lenon , 1129 River St.	Boy
Nov. 09, 1930	Ford Lutz , 1740 Robertson St.	Boy
Nov. 12, 1930	Theo H. Zemke , 1621 High St.	Girl
Nov. 13, 1930	Edw. C. Gierman , 1510 Linval St.	Girl

DECREES OF DIVORCES GRANTED

Nov. 05, 1930 Georgetta **McCullogh** Vs. Charles **McCullough**

CERTIFICATES OF ASSUMED NAMES FILED

Nov. 05, 1930	Beeman Co. #2 (dissolution)	Ben G. Sheets , John J. Beeman , Earl C. Beeman , H. P. Rockwell & Wm. C. Fleming
Nov. 05, 1930	Beeman Co. #2	John J. Beeman , Earl C. Beeman , H. P. Rockwell , & Wm. C. Fleming , all of Lansing
Nov. 05, 1930	Air-Way Branch of Lansing	Wm. Schindler , 326 W. Main St.
Nov. 06, 1930	The Don Riddler Dry Cleaners	F. B. Stebbins , 326 N. Capital

Lansing Credit Exchange, Bulletin #498, November 17, 1930 – Concluded

MARRIAGE LICENSES

John R. **Anderson**, 22, East Lansing & Almeda **Raymond**, 18, East Lansing
 Alger J. **Alden**, 20, Lansing & Elizabeth E. **Bixley**, 20, Lansing
 Jac I. **McCauley**, 24, Lansing & Mary E. **Fitzsimmons** 24, Lansing
 Robert E. **Brooks**, 35, Lansing & Florence Mae **Leeman**, 39, Lansing

Walter G. **Collins**, 39, Lansing & Mossie E. **True**, 38, Battle Creek
Stanley H. **Voss**, 27, Mason, Mich. & Lenogene **Hobard**, 22, Dansville
Norman E. **Petzel**, 24, Lansing & Evelyn L. **Parke**, 20, Lansing
Ina **Ayres**, 27, Detroit, Mich. & John J. **Karf, Jr.**, 28, Lansing
Paul Sidney **Clark**, 22, East Lansing & Elsie A. **Gumpp**, 17, East Lansing
Curtis E. **Keefur**, 24, Dearborn & Myrtle R. **Thomas**, 26, Lansing

DEATHS

Nov. 03, 1930	Alice S. D. Mallory (Chas), 402 E. South St.	65 years
Nov. 03, 1930	Jacob Herr , 222 E. St. Joe St.	86 years
Nov. 04, 1930	Maurice Fell , 1721 Fletcher St.	03 years
Nov. 04, 1930	John M. Pollok , Lansing	63 years
Nov. 05, 1930	Chas. L. Moses , 600 W. Main St.	75 years
Nov. 05, 1930	Harold W. Thwaites , Ionia, Michigan	28 years
Nov. 05, 1930	Thelma Jackson (Ralph), 501 N. Francis Ave.	24 years
Nov. 05, 1930	Geo. Alger , R. R. #50	04 months
Nov. 06, 1930	Egbert C. Miller , 925 S. Butler St.	77 years
Nov. 07, 1930	Ester M. Jastram (Floyd), Wacousta, Mich.	31 years.
Nov. 07, 1930	Edwin A. Oppenlander , 534 ½ E. Mich. Ave.	14 years
Nov. 07, 1930	Leland C. Briggs , R. F. D.	52 years
Nov. 07, 1930	May P. Davis (Howard), 319 S. Larch St.	48 years
Nov. 07, 1930	Mary J. Schray , 200 ½ Lathrop St.	70 years
Nov. 08, 1930	Herbert W. Hammond , Williamston, Mich.	49 years
Nov. 09, 1930	Dora Rose (Geo.), 1022 Hapeman Ave.	76 years
Nov. 11, 1930	Alonzo Pryor , 1628 New York Ave.	83 years
Nov. 17, 1930	Ella Mead (Fred), 324 W. Hillsdale St.	76 years

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FORMER ADDRESS</u>	<u>PRESENT ADDRESS</u>
Brown , W. J.	707 W. Genesee St.	Euclid Blvd., St. Petersburg, Fla.
Hammond , H. H.	135 Beech St. East Lansing	7 th St., St. Petersburg, Fla.
Hunt , Ellis G.	207 S. Francis Ave.	Star Route, Hillman, Mich.
Marvin , Albert H.	621 Spring St.	Ranson St. Grand Rapids, Mich.
Randall , N. C.	515 S. Walnut St.	Ney Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.
Rice , Chas. N.	R. #5	Andrew St., Jackson, Mich.
Wheeler , Mrs. Caroline	609 W. Mich. Ave.	Yoeman St., Ionia, Mich.
Wilson , Mrs. George	1562 High St.	Leavitt St., Chicago, Illinois
Wingrove , Arleigh E.	542 Norman St.	Horton St. Grand Rapids, Mich.
Wren , Geo.	719 ½ Wisconsin Ave.	Petoskey, Mich.

WHITE OAK TOWNSHIP

Index to the 1861 Tax & Assessment Rolls (Continued)

These records were microfilmed by our society several years ago. Copies of the microfilm can be found at the St. Library of Michigan or at the ICGS research room at the Mason Public Library. Typed as written.

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LANSING STATE REPUBLICAN MARRIAGES

(typed as written)

Date Published

March 30, 1858. On the 29th of March by Rev. Ed. **Knickerbocker**, Mr. Edward **Lane** to Miss Nancy **Murry**.

April 20, 1858. On the 13th of March by Rev. G. S. **Armstrong**, Mr. George C. **Lawman** of Burlington, Iowa to Miss Lucy **Bascom**.

April 27, 1858. On the 14th of April, Mr. John S. **Marks** to Miss Julia **Stockwell** of Romeo.

April 27, 1858. On the 20th of April, Albert D. **Rust** and Miss Julia A. **Warner**.

April 27, 1858. On the 20th of April, John J. **Brown** to Casanda E. **Bennett** of Vevay.

June 8, 1858. On June 8th, 1858, George W. **Utley** of Big Prairie and Miss Lucy **Hill** of Dewitt.

June 15, 1858. On June th, (no date) Mr. George **Kinre** to Miss Sarah **Stephens**.

June 15, 1858. At Jonesville on the 8th of June, Prof. Henry **Goadby** to Sarah **Kinman**.

July 13, 1858. On June 23rd Mr. I. W. **VanFossen** to Miss Irena P. **Simmons**, daughter of J. H. **Simmons**.

Aug. 10, 1858. On March 27, 1858, Charles **Day** to Nancy A. **Day** of Dewitt.

Aug. 10, 1858. On Aug. 5th, Frederick **Davis** of Victor to Miss Alvira **Cater**.

Sept. 7, 1858. On Aug.3, 1858, at Onondaga, Mr. Wm. **Walker** to Miss Minerva **Ludden** of Jackson.

Sept. 28, 1858. In Mason Sept. 20, 1858, Mr. A.B.L. **Covert** to Miss Mary C. **Root**.

Sept. 28, 1858. In Lansing on the 26th of Sept., Mr. S. C. **Cheny** to Miss S. A. **Paddleford**.

Oct. 12, 1858. In Lyons Sept. 28, Rev. Aaron **Bowser** to Miss Antionette **Chubb**.

Oct. 12, 1858. On Oct. 2, 1858, Mr. Henry **Guest** to Miss Hattie E. **Parker**.

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INGHAM COUNTY NEWS NEWSPAPERS

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<u>SURNAME</u>	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SURNAME</u>	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>DATE</u>
FALLMAN	Isaac	COVERT	Mary Ann	Feb 3, 1860
FAUCHER	Moses M.	LOWNSBERRY	Mary Jane	May 14, 1859
FORBES	Nelson	JOHNSON	Content	Oct 5, 1867
FOX	Henry	HIBBARD	Louise	Aug 5, 1863
FREELAND	John A.	HULL	Zilla	Oct 13, 1866
FULLER	Cornelius B.	FULLER	Iris G.	Sep 30, 1863
GLEASON	William	GIBBONS	Hulda	Sep 3, 1866
GROUT	Gardiner K.	HARRISON	Mary	Sep 18, 1867
GUNN	Charles A.	THOMPSON	Ann F.	Apr 30, 1866
GUY	John	REYNOLDS	Catherine	Apr 28, 1861
HARRIS	John A.	HOLMES	Margaret	May 5, 1861
HARTWICK	David	WEBB	Martha Ann	Jun 1, 1860
HARTWICK	William A.	BEAMAN	Phebe A.	Oct 5, 1863
HELMS	Luke A.	EDWARDS	Mary	Jul 14, 1860
HENDERSON	H. L.	WILSON	Mary A.	Jul 29, 1868
HINSLEY	Andrew	HYDE	Elizabeth A.	Jun 9, 1866
HOFFMAN	James	WILLIAMS	Miss	Aug 18, 1859
HOFFMAN	Samuel	HAYNES	Emma Rosetta	Apr 21, 1860
HOLMES	A. J.	SCOTT	M. O.	May 15, 1867
HOLMES	Edward E.	STONE	Eva D.	Jan 22, 1877
HOPECRAFT	James	HAZELTON	Effie	Mar 26, 1877
HOUSTON	John S.	PUTMAN	Martha J.	May 14, 1866
HOWIG	Dr. Frank A.	KINGSBURY	Lottie	May 16, 1866
HUMPHREY	Jacob	TOMPKINS	Mary	Jan 23, 1868
HUNTINGTON	George M.	RITTER	Julia A.	May 9, 1866
ISABELL	Sidney	BELENGER	Frances D.	Dec 29, 1867
JACELYN	William H.	WORDEN	Mary	Feb 23, 1860
JEFFORDS	Joseph	BENNETT	Emma	May 13, 1877
JEHILRAYNER	Aaron	REYNOLDS	Emma	Dec 14, 1866
JENNINGS	Calvin	HOBBS	Elmira S.	Jan 1, 1868
JONES	Seth	RANNEY	Minerva	May 5, 1866
KELLER	S. L.	HUBBARD	A. P.	Feb 28, 1866

Isabelle **Wells**, Librarian

The research room has been busy this summer. We are almost finished indexing the 2014 Lansing Area obituaries and will be on the shelves in several weeks. We have had several out of town visitors. Suzanne **Pollack Hough** and her husband, Gene, from Florida came to visit one Saturday in June. She has donated several family histories on the **Pollack** family to our research room. Suzanne has been a member since July 2005.

Linda B. **Namenye** from the Spring Lake, Michigan visited our research room this spring looking for information on the **Branch, McKenzie, and Buckingham** families of the Stockbridge area. She was able to find information and we have recently received a book from her, "Going Home To Stockbridge" by Linda **Buckingham Namenye** and Evelyn **Tolley Buckingham**. This has been placed on our shelves. The family histories of the **Hill** family and **Hocking** family created by Bonnie **Shulnburg**, a deceased member, are also in our family history section.

Want to volunteer in our research room? There are all kinds of projects we are working on where you can help. Just stop in on a Wednesday and we will put you to work or we have indexes you can create for the society at home.

If you are in need of some help, talk to me at a meeting or send me an e-mail stating your question or problem: librarian icgs@icgsweb.org

MAY 2015 PASSING OF A CHARTER MEMBER

T. Valdeen **Warren**, a charter member of the Ingham County Genealogical Society, passed away on May 8, 2015. She was an active member until the last couple years. She was buried in Clare, Michigan next to her husband, Walter, who died in 2006. Both Valdeen and Walter **Warren** joined our society in September 1995. Our sympathy goes out to her family.

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We will also need a couple of people to be guides from one grave site to the next and a couple of people to be greeters at a table. Everyone is capable of volunteering for any of these opportunities.

We also have opportunities for members to volunteer in many other ways. Everyone has a skill or a talent that they can share with our Society. If you are good with a computer or you like to type, we have opportunities available. We have some projects that can be completed at home and returned to the Research Room. Help is never turned down and it is always greatly appreciated. We may have members that would like to attend our meetings but they do not drive. If you do not mind picking up a neighbor (that lives close to you) and allowing them to ride to and from the meeting with you, we could create a list of volunteers to help with this project. These are only a few of the ideas that have been suggested as ways our Society members can help out. We are looking forward to working with YOU on any of these projects. Consider Volunteering. Contact a Board Member and let us know your skill or area of interest and we will find a "fit" for you.

INGHAM COUNTY NEWS

Thursday, January 28, 1943, page 1, columns 3 and 4

NEWS OF MEN IN THE ARMED SERVICE

Capt. Ralph G. **Strope**, former resident of Grand Rapids, who is fort ordnance officer at Fort Brady, Michigan, has been promoted to major, it has been announced by Lieut. Col. W. C. **Bechtold**, commanding officer of Fort Brady. He is a son of Mrs. Janet **Strope** of 150 North Jefferson street, Mason. Prior to being called to active duty, Major **Strope** resided with his family at 2924 Coit road, Grand Rapids. They reside at present at 138 Ridge street, Sault Ste. Marie. A reserve officer, Major **Strope** was commissioned a second lieutenant in the field artillery in 1917. He was promoted to first lieutenant in 1918, and captain in 1930. Major **Strope** is now detailed to the ordnance branch. He saw service in the Mexican Border war in the 119th Field Artillery regiment and during World War I with the 32nd division. Before coming to Fort Brady March 7, 1942, he was a company commander in the Sparta, Wis., CCC district.

Lieut. Thomas N. **Greene** will be graduating on February 6 from the 16th Reserve Officers' Corps at Quantico, VA. In his previous work in the candidates' class, before he received his commission, he qualified as sharpshooter with the rifle, expert with bayonet, pistol, automatic rifle and tommy gun.

Russell **Huntington** has been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl **Huntington**. Sergeant **Huntington** has been overseas for nearly a year. This report, the first in two months, was from New Guinea.

Pvt. Vernon **Holley**, who left Mason on December 8 after enlisting in the air corps, is now an airplane mechanic at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Bernard C. **Cady** is now at the Great Lakes Naval Training station undergoing basic training.

Sgt. Bernard **Fancher**, who has been serving in Panama, is enjoying a furlough with his aunt, Mrs. Bertha **Davis**, in Williamston, his brother, Otto **Fancher**, near Leslie and other Mason relatives and friends.

Clayton J. **Hulett**, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. **Hulett** who left December 14, spent four weeks at Fort Custer but according to word received by his wife, he has been transferred to Fort Riley, Kansas.

Capt. Harlan A. **Mills** has completed a six-weeks course of military instruction and physical conditioning at the Air Forces Officer Training school at Miami Beach, Fla. He was graduated last week from the special course. He is now awaiting assignment to executive duties in air corps maintenance.

Lawrence E. **Tripp**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest **Tripp** of Mason, is now at Brooks Field, Texas, to start advanced flying. He completed the basic course with high honors.

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News of Men in the Armed Service-Ingham County News, Jan. 28, 1943, concluded

Elmer **Petherick** of Mason, who enlisted two years ago, expects to be released from the army soon. He has had two long stretches in army hospitals. Although he is anxious to remain in the army, he writes that he will have to accept a discharge for the time being. He hopes that he will be able to re-

enlist soon.

Aviation Cadet Paul William **Murphy** of Stockbridge has completed his primary training in the A.A.F., at Sikeston, Mo., and has reported at the basic flying school, Coffeyville, Kansas, for his basic training.

Staff Sergt. Howard M. **Oesterle**, stationed at Kearns, Utah, is spending a 14-day furlough with his parents and other relatives in this vicinity.

Albert **Newman** has been promoted to technician fourth class. He is in training at Camp Campbell, Kentucky.

Pvt. Russell **Dowling** arrived Sunday on a 10-day furlough which he is spending with Mrs. **Dowling** and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. **Dowling**, of Dansville. He was recently transferred from Camp Pickett, Va., to Indiantown Gap, Pa.

Leopold G. **Berger, Jr.**, who was employed by **Haller & Smith** in Mason before entering the army August 3, was graduated last week from the aviation mechanics' course of the army air force's technical training command at Seymour Johnson Field, North Carolina.

Corp. Clarence C. **Bailey** is now with an overseas replacement conditioning crew at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., having been transferred from Fort Benning, Ga.

Pfc. George E. **Clark**, who has been in training at Westover Field, Mass., is now stationed at Trumbull Field, Groton, Conn.

ANNUAL FAMILY & FRIENDS PICNIC

Our annual family & friends picnic is Thursday, August 13, 2015 at Veterans Memorial Park in Holt, Delhi Township. It begins at 6:00 pm. Dinner is at 6:30 pm. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

The park is behind the Delhi Township offices, library and fire station on Aurelius road. Turn into the drive and go to the parking lot behind the building. We are at the pavilion to the right.

Candidates who are nominated for the ICGS board will be announced. Games will follow.

COMMITTEE REPORT FROM ICGS SURVEY

by Diane **Bishop**

Thank you to the committee members – Kathleen DeVoe **Crooks**, Joann and Steve **DePeel**, Connie and Jim **Stewart** for volunteering to review the survey results. We received 21 survey responses from our

membership and Lisa **Feury** volunteered to consolidate all of the information provided into one form.

We spent an afternoon reviewing the responses and selecting the ideas that we felt were items our Society could begin working on at this time. The results of the summary and the Committee suggestions are explained as follows:

The majority of the responses indicated that most people joined ICGS for the speakers and education as well as the opportunity to socialize with people that share the same interest in genealogy. They indicated that these areas help in obtaining ideas for writing, doing research and providing the inspiration to continue research.

When asked what the responders liked best about ICGS, they again stated the speakers, sharing with others interested in family researching and finding new ways to research family history. They also felt that meeting new people and developing friendships were also one of the important things they liked about ICGS.

The responses to what people liked least about ICGS included the lack of volunteers and the lack of engagement (talking about what we need or want to do but not following through). There was also the comment that we seem to be stuck in the "That is the way we have always done it" trap. [The committee discussed that the lack of engagement by not following through on things "we want or need" could be because of the lack of volunteers. We can only do what we can with volunteers from the membership. There are many great ideas, but with no volunteers to support the ideas, we can not move forward on them. We reason we are possibly stuck in the way things are done trap is because once again we have to rely on the volunteers that have always done it and they will do what they have always done. New volunteers could offer new insight in another way to accomplish the task. There were comments regarding the Business meeting and that the meetings are not always kept on time. Diane will work harder on finding ways to keep the meetings on time. Of course, the loss of members is always a concern for everyone. The Committee discussed the methods we are currently using to keep members and to encourage others to join our Society. There were no suggestions on the surveys so we will have to check with the membership to see if they have any ideas and also look at other Societies to see what they are doing. Location was also a concern. Since the survey was sent out, we have moved to a new location. The comments being made now indicate that the membership is enjoying the new facility and the ease of accessibility.](#)

There were several comments regarding what members thought our Society could offer to the membership and ways to improve our Society to make it better. Money is always a concern for our Society and that was reflected in the comments about fund raising. The membership feels that we should pursue some of the fundraiser ideas that have been offered for consideration. Suggestions made by the membership included creating a cookbook, working with A & W to hold a Spaghetti or Ham Dinner and possibly hosting a Cemetery Walk. (Continued on next page)

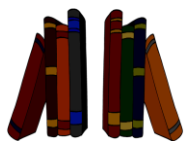
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[The Committee decided that we should pursue all of these ideas. COOKBOOK - Lora **McAdams** had volunteered \(at a Board Meeting\) to type the submitted recipes for a cookbook. Diane was asked to send an email message to all of the membership requesting the membership to submit their recipes for the cookbook. \(This email has been sent\). SPAGHETTI DINNER - It was decided that we should contact A & W to reserve a date for a Spaghetti dinner and ask for volunteers to help with the greeting of customers as they arrive for lunch or dinner. \(This date has also been set\). CEMETERY WALK - For the Cemetery Walk, we discussed hosting a walk at Maple Grove Cemetery in Mason to coincide with the Sesquicentennial Celebration this year. Diane and Connie contacted the Mason City Clerk](#)

about the possibility of completing this project. Deb felt it was a great idea and requested that we submit a letter to the Cemetery Board stating our basic idea. This letter would be presented to the Board and we would be notified of the Board meeting so that we could appear at the meeting to discuss the possibility and hopefully obtain permission to proceed. We are hoping that the walk will be the end of September or the first part of October. (An email message was sent to the entire membership to let them know that we are pursuing this idea and that we will be looking for volunteers to help as researchers, presenters or greeters to those arriving for the walk). The Committee also discussed having fewer speakers that drain our budget and more members providing topics of interest or more membership roundtable discussions about Brick Walls or other topics that could help the membership learn a new skill.

Other membership suggestions from the survey forms were creating a members only section on our website that might include a membership roster and possibly an area for members to provide their name, a picture, surnames they are researching, and maybe other organizations that they are members of. This could also be an area where a person could list various ways they would be willing to help other Society members (for example: computer help or possibly working with them to learn about researching at the libraries or the courthouse). The Committee thought these were great ideas to possibly increase our membership by offering a members only area. We should also check with other Societies to see if they have other suggestions that they have used on their sites. Suggestions made for items we might consider for the newsletter are web sites that members find very helpful or listing some of the holdings within our Research Room (a bit at a time) so that members will become more familiar with what we have to offer researchers. The Committee discussed asking the membership to submit website information to the Newsletter editor for websites that they find useful. Diane offered that a short article listing resources available at the Research Room could be done easily as we are completing the Library Mapping Project. It was also suggested that we could offer field trips to the membership. The survey forms did not include any field trip suggestions. The Committee discussed the possibility of pursuing field trips to the State Archives and The Allen County Library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. The Committee decided that we should ask the membership what types of field trips they might consider taking part in before we pursue this idea any further.

As President (and an ex-officio member of the Committee), I feel that the Committee did an amazing job of reading and discussing all of the information that was submitted in the surveys. They spent time sharing ideas and listening to what each member had to offer during the discussions. They have come up with a plan that is something that can be done and we are all hoping that the membership will agree. We are moving forward and we are looking forward to everyone joining in on the fun as we work to complete the plan presented by the Committee.



What Can You Find in the ICGS Research Room?

Following are some of the items we have on the bookshelves in our Library:

Maple Grove Cemetery - Burial Transit Permits – 1932 to 2005

Obituaries from Local Newspapers – 1998 to 2014 (We will continue to add new books each year)

Williamston Area Obituaries – 1978 to 1999

Miscellaneous Williamston Area Obituaries – 1940 to 1999

Miscellaneous Locke Township and Surrounding Area Obituaries – 1900 to 1981
 Miscellaneous Williamston and Locke Township Obituaries – 1898 to 1961
 Obituaries – Lansing State Journal / East Lansing Courier / Memorial Services – 1977 to 1989
 Book 1 – Obituaries - Lansing Area Including Holt, Haslett, Okemos, Mason, Dimondale, Out of Town
 and Out of State Burials – 1970 to 1990
 Book 2 – Obituaries – Lansing State Journal / East Lansing Town Courier and Clinton County
 Obituaries
 Book 3 – Obituaries - Lansing State Journal / East Lansing Town Courier and Lansing Obituaries for
 Cemeteries – Chapel Hill / Evergreen/ Mt. Hope and Deep Dale Cemeteries – 1871 to 1900 and
 North Cemetery – 1977 to 1989
 Book 4 – Obituaries – Lansing State Journal / East Lansing Town Courier – Eaton County Obituaries
 Book 5 – Obituaries – Lansing State Journal / East Lansing Town Courier – Glendale Cemetery /
 Meridian Township – 1977 to 1989

SPRING FLING

By Diane **Bishop**

It was an awesome day in downtown Mason on Saturday, May 2nd as people strolled the sidewalks. It was sunny but not too hot. There was a slight breeze and we did not have any raindrops to dodge this year. Our booth near the cannon allowed us to be placed with the Mason Public Library and a new neighbor - The LDS Church (Family Search). This placement allowed us to talk to guests about our Society and then direct them to talk with those members from LDS about Family Search and how to use it. LDS, in turn, referred people to check out our booth and to learn about our Society. We also shared the information that we have a Research Room on the second floor of the Library and we directed our guests to stop by the Library booth to find out the additional programs they have to offer which might be of interest regarding genealogy and/or history. As the day progressed, we were able to “chat” with approximately 105 people as they stepped into our booth to look at the various pictures we were displaying and to hear more about genealogy and our Society.

Thank you to Lorie **Neuman**, Jeff **Montgomery**, Steve and Joann **DePeel**, Jim and Connie **Stewart**, Melissa **Alvarado**, Shelly **Orrison** and Bill **Carr** for volunteering to staff our booth during the festival. Your help was greatly appreciated.

FUNDRAISER PROJECTS FOR ICGS

by Diane **Bishop**



ICGS COOKBOOK PROJECT

We are beginning to create a cookbook for ICGS. We are asking all of our members to send recipes to Lora **McAdams** by email to loveselvis78@hotmail.com or by “snail mail” to Lora **McAdams** - 4141 E. Iosco Road, Webberville, Michigan 48892. Lora **McAdams** has volunteered to re-type the recipes for us. Jean **Crawford** has volunteered to proofread a preliminary copy before we actually print the cookbook. We are hoping to have this cookbook available by September 1st so that we will have it

available for sale at Down Home Days, The Spaghetti Dinner, The Cemetery Tour and the remaining Farmer's Markets.



CEMETERY TOUR AT MAPLE GROVE CEMETERY

We have inquired at the Mason City Hall about the possibility of having our Society host a Cemetery Tour this fall in conjunction with the City of Mason Sesquicentennial celebration. We have submitted a letter to the Maple Grove Cemetery Board to request permission for this opportunity. It was suggested that we possibly conduct this event on a Sunday afternoon so that we would not interrupt any funerals. The dates we have submitted for review are: September 27th, October 4th, October 11th or October 18th. I will be notified by the Cemetery Board when they plan to meet so that I can be present to answer any questions they may have and to hear of any restrictions there might be. While we are waiting for the final confirmation, we have decided to begin the research on possible candidates for presentations at this event. If you are interested in helping with this phase, please email Diane at dbishop1415@gmail.com



SPAGHETTI DINNER AT A & W IN MASON

We have reserved a date for the ICGS Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. It will be Monday, October 26th from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Mason A & W restaurant on Cedar Street in Mason. We will be asking for members to volunteer to be greeters as the guests arrive for lunch or dinner. (We would hope that members would think about purchasing a dinner to eat in or take out). We will plan to have a display table, brochures available to pass out and cookbooks for sale. Our Society will receive \$2.00 for every meal purchased.

NEWS FROM THE PAST

FARMER'S CLUB

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Meeting at R. F. **Griffin's**, Esq

As it is probably generally understood by the News' readers, that Farmers' Club No. 1 of Ingham County, has become a portable institution, however none the less stable, but rather the reverse, the more it is "shook up" the more permanently it is becoming established. Ever since the movement was first inaugurated of meeting at the homes of different members of the Club, the interest has increased, notwithstanding the hurry of the busy season of the year.

The meeting on Saturday last, at the suburban residence of R. F. **Griffin**, Esq., located in the

northern portion of the village of Mason, was not an exception. Mr. **Griffin's** farm proper, consists of about 200 acres of choice land lying mostly within the corporate limits of the village. Everything about the premises gave evidence of thrift and enterprise. There were about 30 acres of corn which looked very good considering the dry season, most of it considerably above and average. Mr. G. will harvest about twelve or fifteen hundred bushels of turnips, beets and mangle wurtzels, this season. There were looking splendid.

Being quite extensively engaged in dairying, milking about fifty cows, Mr. G. raises considerable spring crops, coarse fodder, roots, etc, and by means of straw and stalk cutters, propelled by one-horse tread power, cuts all his feed in winter, which is cooked in large vats conveniently arranged by means of steam furnished by a small engine located a few rods distant from the barn.

A half hour spent in and about the building on Mr. G's premises, will suggest many good ideas to any farmer.

Mr. **Griffin** settled here in Vevay in 1832, and is therefore literally one of the "F. F. V's."

During the afternoon some little time was occupied in discussing the oft mooted question, "Does Wheat turn to Chess," though this question has been decided beyond a doubt to the satisfaction of all, the Club were of the opinion, by a small majority, that under favorable circumstances wheat would grow chess.

After partaking of a bountiful repast prepared by mine host's most estimable lady, the Club adjourned to meet at their rooms in two weeks, Sept. 10th, 1874'

A. F. **Wood**, President.

L. H. **Ives**, Secretary.

Note: Chess also known as cheatgrass or downy brome grass is an invasive weed. Since its accidental introduction in the early 1800's it has spread throughout the United States.

Honoring a Fallen and Forgotten Soldier on Memorial Day 2015

By Dave **Michnal**

Part I – The Boy

This is the story of a young boy from Onondaga, Michigan and his first and last adventure far from home. It traces his short journey in Virginia through the Wilderness, to a fateful turn of fortune at the "Bloody Angle", and his journey's end in Arlington, Virginia. This is a sketch of the final few months of a 19 year old boy named Chauncey **Slaght** who happens to be my 5x great uncle.

For most of us that give any serious thought to what Memorial Day is meant to commemorate, the holiday is a somewhat abstract acknowledgement of those that gave their lives for this country. For many others it is merely that three-day holiday that begins summer. We're a little more patriotic on Memorial Day but most of us have never met anyone who actually died in battle nor do we know of any such ancestor.

Indeed, soldiers who died in battle often were so young they never in their short lives contemplated the idea of raising a family of their own. Likewise, so many of these fallen soldiers are soon forgotten after their immediate family and friends pass away, as they leave no descendants of their own to rediscover them.

Since I have no such ancestors or immediate family members, I decided I would attempt to find a sibling of one my ancestors who did fall in battle and honor them this weekend with his story. Through much online research, a couple visits to the National Archives and a moving visit to Arlington, I have pieced together this sketch of my 5th great uncle, **Chauncey G. Slight**

Chauncey was the much younger brother of my 4x great grandfather, Alpheus **Slight**. He was born and raised near Aurelius Corners, a small farming community in Onondaga Twp., in Ingham County, Michigan just 30 miles south of Lansing, MI.

Chauncey was one of an incredible brood of seventeen children born to Henry and Harriet (**Hazelton**) **Slight** who were true pioneers in Ingham County having settled there about 1840 – only three years after Michigan was admitted to the Union.

His family name of **Slight** evolved from the Dutch name **Slecht** – a family whose earliest settlers were among the first in the 17th Century colonists of New Amsterdam which we now call New York City. His mother descended from the **Hazelton** family originally from Massachusetts including most notably his 3x great grandfather, Col. John **Hazelton**, who served in the French Indian War, was a business partner of Ethan **Allen**, and served in the New York Provincial Congress (a sort of state assembly for the Patriots during the American Revolution).

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By the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861, Chauncey was a mere fifteen years old but one can imagine the excitement such times must have stirred in the imagination of a fifteen-year old boy. Not long after his 18th birthday, Chauncey enlisted to serve the Union in a company of soldiers (Co. B, 2 U.S.S.S.) almost entirely from Michigan. A large proportion of Co. B, were from his home county of Ingham. In fact, several of these soldiers, including his cousin George **Hazelton**, and his neighbor Miron **Davis**, were from Onondaga and they all volunteered to serve in a regiment that was quite famous in its day – the 2nd U.S. Sharpshooters.

Chauncey enlisted at nearby Jackson in January 25, 1864 but wasn't formally mustered in until February 12th. On his enlistment papers, Chauncey is described as an 18 year old farmer standing 5'7" tall with a light complexion, brown eyes, and light hair.

Chauncey's surname **Slight** derives from the Dutch word for bad or evil yet he seems anything but that description. Our most direct glimpse into his character comes from a letter he sent to his father on April 25, 1864 from Brandy Station, VA, which I found in his pension file at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

In this letter home he states that he heard there was "...a good deal of sickness around home. I was scared to hear it" in a letter he received from his friend Ann **Wilson** and he expresses concern for his family and friends there. He adds that the boys are all doing well and asks his father to tell Miron **Davis**' folks, should he see them, not to worry about their son who is "tough as a brick."

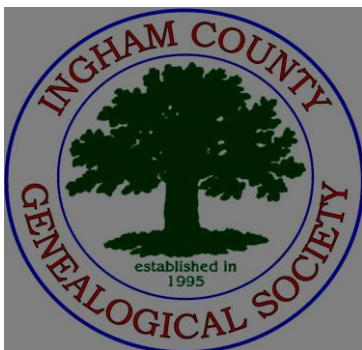
He mentions that he has yet to receive a letter from his father but that he received one from Alfe [probably his older brother Alpheus, my 4x great grandfather] among others. He adds that he has been told that he might not get paid again until after their next march so he is sending some of his pay home now to help out the family.

Chauncey closes by asking his father to send along his love to Mother and adds that he just recently had his hair cut and he is sending some of his fallen locks home with the letter.

Chauncey would fall in battle 18 days later.

PART 2 OF ARTICLE

TO BE CONTINUED IN NEXT NEWSLETTER



**INGHAM COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
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ICGS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Ingham County Genealogical Society Research Room normal public access hours are from 12:00 noon to 4 p.m.

on Wednesdays.

*****Ingham County Genealogical Society General Membership Meetings. The Sam Corey Senior Center, 2108 Cedar Street, Holt, Michigan 48842. Please check the website for directions to the meeting location (<http://www.icgsweb.org>)

Ingham County Genealogical Society Membership Meeting – Thursday, August 13, 2015 – Annual Family and Friends Picnic – Veterans Memorial Park, Delhi Township (across the street from the Sam Corey Senior Center). Please take Holt Road West to Aurelius Road. Turn Right onto Aurelius Road (look for the sign for the Delhi Township Offices and the Fire Station on the right) Turn into the drive and go to the back to the parking lot behind the buildings. Look for the Pavilion to the right. (This route will make it easier to attend the picnic without having to cross Cedar Street at the crosswalk by the Sam Corey Center). We will begin to gather at 6:00 p.m. and we will begin dinner at approximately 6:30 p.m. - Bring a dish to pass and your own table service There will be an Announcement of the Candidates nominated for Officers of the ICGS Board – Fiscal year October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016 followed by some fun games to play.

Ingham County Genealogical Society Membership Meeting – Thursday, September 10, 2015 – Election of Officers for the fiscal year – October 1, 2015 thru September 30, 2016 – Guest Speaker – Liz Homer -

Ingham County Genealogical Society Membership Meeting – Thursday, October 8, 2015 – Oath of Office to all new Board Members – Guest Speaker – Lisa Feury – “Evernote and how it can help with your Genealogy Research”

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